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Country: British Guiana

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Subject: Condition of the Issano Road - Essequibo River

Place Acquired:

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Date of Info:

Date Acquired: 1952

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Source:

1. The road from Issano to Bartica is merely a non-surfaced single lane log road. It is possible for 5-ton trucks to use the road during the dry season. During the rainy season from June to September, and during March and April, however, I doubt if the road from Issano to Bartica could be effectively used. This road was built because traffic on the Essequibo and the Mazaroni rivers is very difficult because of rapids.
2. The silt from the Essequibo River has erected a bar which makes it difficult to cross even in the channel. If this bar could be dredged out to a suitable depth, it would be possible to develop Bartica into a port. Georgetown at the present time is the principal port of British Guiana. However, Georgetown is suitable only for ships of about 6000 tons and all cargo destined for overseas ports is transferred at Trinidad.

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